



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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Holiday REMINDERS

Thanksgiving Collection Schedule

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, (Thursday, November 28, 2013). All collections normally scheduled for Thursday will occur on Friday. Collections normally scheduled for Friday will occur on Saturday.



On Call Plus Appointments

For those eligible, remember to schedule a free On Call Plus clean up appointment soon. There will be no appointments from December 26, 2013 through January 22, 2014 to allow for holiday tree collection. Vouchers to the SMaRT Station will still be available. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for more information.

Help Keep Recyclables Free of Contaminants!

Most paper collected for recycling in the U.S. is shipped to China to be made into new paper products. China's recent launch of "Operation Green Fence" has customs officials rejecting entire bales of paper that contain levels of contamination beyond the allowed 1.5 percent. Contaminants include such items as plastic bags, glass, metal and plastic containers, packing materials, bags of garbage and even diapers. Bales that exceed the contamination level are being returned to the U.S. at high shipping costs.

Residents can help prevent unnecessary program costs by keeping their recyclables clean. Cleaner materials mean higher revenue to help cover the costs of the recycling program and keep rates low. **Keep It Clean** by only recycling items that are accepted in the Mountain View Recycling Program (see page 3) and keeping the following items out of your recycling cart:

Do NOT Place in Recycling Carts	What To Do Instead
Plastic bags, plastic film, bubble wrap, plastic bag covers for magazines and newspapers, plastic wrap from household goods like paper towels	Recycle at grocery stores or the Mountain View Recycling Center
Milk, juice, soy and similar cartons	Recycle at Mountain View Recycling Center or dispose in garbage
Paper egg cartons (no longer accepted with paper due to short fibers)	Dispose in garbage
Plastic packaging with paper attached	Either tear the paper away from the plastic and recycle the paper or dispose of all in garbage

Foam Food Container Ban Ordinance Under Development



Recently, the City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance regulating the use of expanded or extruded polystyrene (EPS) food containers. EPS is a form of plastic more commonly observed as opaque foam and often referred to as Styrofoam®. The ordinance, if adopted, would prohibit food vendors from providing prepared food or beverages in disposable food service ware made from EPS. A food vendor would be defined as any store, supermarket, deli, restaurant, retailer, sales outlet, shop, cafeteria, catering truck, mobile vehicle, sidewalk or other outdoor vendor, or caterer that provides prepared and ready-to-consume food or beverages for public consumption on or off site. City facility users and events held on public property would also be subject to the regulations.

The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce foam food ware in urban litter and the amount that reaches local water ways and ultimately, San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Mountain View is part of a multi-jurisdictional effort to address this litter problem with several other communities in Santa Clara County that are actively considering (Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Sunnyvale) or have already adopted (Palo Alto and Santa Clara County) similar ordinances.

Business and public input meetings, including an opportunity for businesses to evaluate alternative containers, were held over the summer. The Council will consider adoption of the ordinance later this fall or early winter. If adopted, the ordinance would likely go into effect in mid-2014.

For more information, to provide input, or to receive notice of when the Council will discuss this issue, please visit www.MVrecycle.org.

Contact Us

Utility and Garbage Billing Information

Start or change garbage accounts, billing inquiries and purchase extra garbage tags. City Finance and Administrative Services Dept. **(650) 903-6317**

Garbage and Recycling Collection Services

Missed pickups, service questions, clean up and bulky good collection services, collection schedule, business recycling. Recology Mountain View **(650) 967-3034** or www.RecologyMountainView.com

Program Comments and Suggestions

Comments about *Resource* newsletter, information or questions about recycling or other programs. City Solid Waste and Recycling Program **(650) 903-6311**, www.MVrecycle.org, or recycle@mountainview.gov

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Environmental Day: Promoting Recycling & Reuse

Saturday, October 12 • 8 am to 12 noon • Microsoft parking lot, 1085 La Avenida

DROP OFF reusable or recyclable items such as:

- Gently-used Books, Toys, Clothes, Shoes and Furniture
- Large Plastic Children's Toys
- Household Batteries, CFLs and E-Waste
- Yard Waste
- Household Construction Project Materials, limit 2 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load)

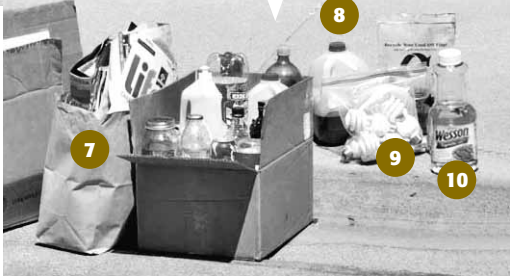
Questions? Call Recology (650) 967-3034.

PICK UP finished compost, free of charge (96-gallon limit, bring containers, shovels provided)





Garbage and recycling set out



Single Family Service

Where to Set Out Carts

Set out all carts in the street by 7 am on collection day, leaving at least 18 inches between carts, and away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies. Remove carts no later than the next day. Store the carts inside your garage or behind a fence, hedge or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. Do not place carts on top of the curb or sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, the carts will be collected from the top of the curb.

Extra Garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Safeway or Nob Hill Store, the Mountain View Public Library, the Finance Department at City Hall, or Recology at 935 Terra Bella Avenue (limited hours). Call stores ahead to confirm availability. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

How to Recycle

- 1. Extra Yard Trimmings:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large paper lawn and refuse bags (available at hardware and home and garden stores) or plastic cans. No metal cans or plastic bags please. Container limit is 32-gallons and 50 pounds. If you regularly have extra yard trimmings, order additional cart(s).
- 2. Mixed Paper (Grey Lid):** Place paper in the cart under the grey lid—newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces.
- 3. Household Batteries:** Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology and set on top of recycling cart. Recology will empty and return the bag for reuse. Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire.
- 4. Cell Phones:** Place phones in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on top of your recycling cart.
- 5. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid):** Place containers in the cart under the blue lid—glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs #1-7, metal cans and lids.
- 6. Cardboard:** Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place on top of curb next to the recycling cart.
- 7. Extra Recycling:** Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling. Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart. Place mixed paper in another paper bag or box. No plastic bags please. If you regularly have extra recycling, order a larger or second cart.
- 8. Used Motor Oil and Filters:** Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.
- 9. Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):** Place CFLs in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on the curb next to recycling cart. NO fluorescent tubes (take to SMaRT Station).
- 10. Used Cooking Oil:** Contain in a clear plastic bottle or jug with a screw-top lid. Set on the curb next to your recycling cart.

Multi-Family Service

How to Recycle

Multi-family complexes have group carts for recycling. Different carts are provided for Mixed Containers and Mixed Paper (Newspaper Only carts are being phased out; newspaper may be placed in Mixed Paper carts).

Mixed Containers

Place mixed containers in the Containers cart—glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs #1-7, metal cans and lids.

Mixed Paper

Place mixed paper in the Paper and Cardboard cart—newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces.

Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3' x 3' in size and place next to the carts. **Small pieces may be placed in cart.**

Other Recyclables

Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about collection of motor oil and filters, cooking oil, household batteries, CFLs and cell phones at their properties.

Buddy Bags

Specially designed bags are available for carrying sorted recyclables to their proper carts. Property representatives should call Recology to inquire about how to obtain free bags.



Buddy bags are available to carry recyclables

Clean Up Programs

On Call Plus (Curbside Service)

Eligible residents may schedule three (3) free appointments each year, to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture. This program is not available to apartments. Managers should call Recology to arrange a complex-wide special collection (fees will apply).

Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds each or be longer than 4' in length. Visit **Clean Up Programs** at www.MVrecycle.org for detailed set out guidelines or call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** for information and to schedule an appointment.

Vouchers

On Call appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034** to request vouchers one week in advance.

Bin for a Day

Have a clean-up project that is too small for a debris box? For a fee, Recology will deliver a 4-yard dumpster to your property (see photo, right). You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days after delivery). This service is available to all residents and businesses. Call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.



Bin for a day

RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and removal for you! This service is available to all residents and businesses beginning in January 2014.

Recycling Clean Out Service

Schools and businesses may have extra recycling containers delivered once per year for a one week period (at no charge) for large clean out projects (regular mixed recyclables only). To arrange delivery call Recology at **(650) 967-3034**.

Where to Recycle

Containers—See *What’s Recyclable*

Glass bottles and jars	■	■	■	■		
Metal cans and lids	■	■	■	■		
Plastic bottles and tubs	■	■	■	■		

Paper—See *What’s Recyclable*

Cardboard	■	■	■	■		
Confidential documents (shredding events, see Calendar, page 4)				■		
Mixed paper	■	■	■	■		

Organics

Christmas Trees	■	■ #		■ \$		
Yard Trimmings (no food)	■		■ #	■ \$		

Electronics (E-Waste)

Batteries (household)	■		■	■		■
Cell phones	■		■	■		
Miscellaneous electronics (computers, printers, fax machines, VCR/DVD players, radios, calculators, etc.)	□	□	■	■		
Televisions	□	□	■	■		

Other

Appliances—Large (Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers)	□	□		■ \$		
Appliances—Medium (Washer, dryer, water heater, stove)	□	□	■ #	■ \$		
Appliances—Small (microwave, other counter-top size appliances)	□	□	■ #	■		
Auto batteries				■		
Cooking oil/grease	■		■	■		
Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL’s)	■		■	■	■	■
Fluorescent light tubes				■	■	■
Furniture	□	□		■ \$		
Mattresses	□	□	■ \$	■ \$		
Motor oil and filters	■			■		■
Passenger car tires (limit four)	□	□		■ \$		

Household Hazardous Waste—see *County Household Hazardous Waste Program*

Medicine					■	■
Paint					■	■
Other household hazardous waste					■	
Sharps (hypodermic needles)				■	■	

- Accepts the listed material
- # Appointment required, call Recology
- Accepted in On Call Plus, appointment required (apartments not eligible for On Call plus, call Recology for fee service)
- \$ Fee required, call for pricing (SMaRT fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher)

County Household Hazardous Waste Program

Do NOT place hazardous waste in garbage or recycling containers. Below is a partial list of the items accepted at no charge by the County-wide Household Hazardous Waste program *by appointment only*. For a full list of accepted items or to make an appointment, call or visit the website (408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org).

Batteries (household) • Fire extinguishers • Flares • Fluorescent tubes • Fluorescent compact bulbs • Medicine (no controlled substances—use Retail Take-Back Locations, see page 4) • Paint (please use Retail Take-Back Locations for paint disposal when possible, see page 4) • Pesticides • Pool Chemicals • Propane/balloon tanks • Sharps (hypodermic needles) • Smoke detectors • Solvents • Thermometers and thermostats

What’s Recyclable

Mixed Paper
Accepted

Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes • Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics) • Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines • Manila folders • Paper bags • Post-it notes • Paper-back books • Shredded paper • Telephone books • Writing paper



Not Accepted

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Egg cartons • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes¹ • Hardback books • Juice/other pouches • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons¹ • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper/cardboard

Mixed Containers
Accepted

Glass bottles and jars • Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin, steel) • Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7

Not Accepted

Any plastic container not marked #1-7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics/porcelain • Clamshells (containers with lids attached) • Drinking glasses • Garden hoses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets)¹ • Plastic bags • Plastic film¹ • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and pans (and other scrap metal)¹ • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

¹*These items accepted at Mountain View Recycling Center during drop-off hours (see page 4)*

Drop Off Appointments

Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County, including every third Saturday in Sunnyvale (except December).

For schedule and to make an appointment, call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org



Retail Take-Back Locations

Paint (latex, oil, coatings, primer, stain, varnish), **Fluorescent Lamps** (compact bulbs and tubes), **Household Batteries** (no automotive batteries), and **Medications** from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

PAINT

- Dunn-Edwards**
1949 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-4526
- Kelly Moore**
180 E El Camino Real, (650) 964-5220
- Kelly Moore**
411 Fairchild Drive, (650) 961-0750

Please check with the store first if you have more than 5 gallons. For a list of all paint products accepted and other take-back locations in Santa Clara County, visit www.hhw.org.

FLUORESCENTS AND BATTERIES

- Blossom True Value Hardware**
1297 W El Camino Real, (650) 964-7871
Leave with employee at register
- Orchard Supply Hardware**
2555 Charleston Road, (650) 691-2000
Leave at customer service desk
- Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply**
134 San Antonio Circle, (650) 948-1089
Leave with employee at register

BATTERIES ONLY

- Radio Shack**
530 Showers Drive, (650) 941-2320 and
1350 Grant Road, (650) 961-7964

MEDICATION

- Valley Health Center at Sunnyvale**
Located in the main lobby, across from security desk
660 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Sunnyvale
Mon–Thurs 8:30 am to 9:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am- 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
- West Valley Patrol Sub-Station**
1601 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino
(408) 868-6600
Mon–Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Visit www.hhw.org for a full list of medication drop-off locations.

MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

- Any Certified Used Oil Collection Center**
Visit www.hhw.org for list of centers

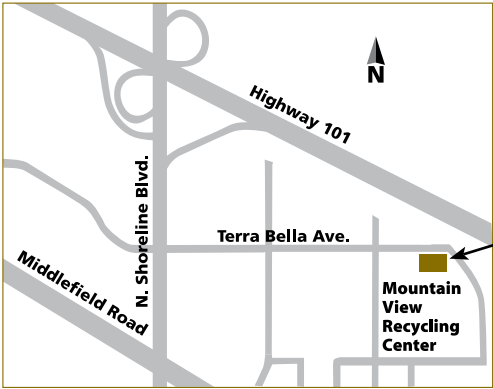


Home Composting Workshop

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil. Various dates and locations in Santa Clara County. For schedule and to register, call the Rotline at **(409) 918-4640** or visit www.ReduceWaste.org.



Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers



Mountain View Recycling Center

935 Terra Bella Avenue
(650) 967-3034
www.RecologyMountainView.com

Operating Hours

- Buy Back Center:** Tuesday–Saturday
9 am to 4 pm
- Drop Off Hours:** Monday–Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Purchase extra garbage stickers or pick up Extra SMaRT Day Vouchers weekdays from 9–11 am and 2–4 pm. Please call ahead for Vouchers.

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours. Remove lids from bottles.

Drop Off Services

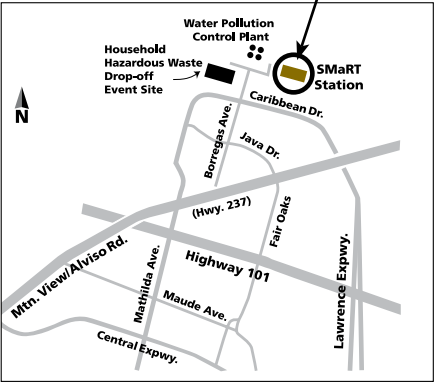
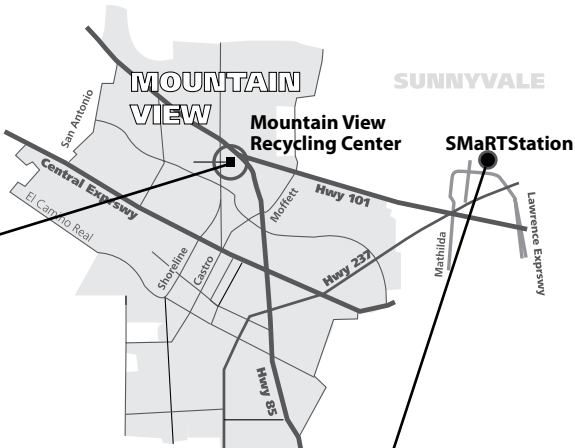
The following items are accepted at the Recycling Center during drop-off hours only. Please do not visit the Center or leave any items after hours.

- All items accepted in the curbside recycling program (see *What’s Recyclable* on page 3)
- Milk and dairy cartons
- Aseptic containers (juice, soup, soy milk)
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Frozen food boxes (and other waxed paperboard)
- Rigid plastics (pails, buckets, plant pots, etc.)
- Textiles (unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels)
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long (pots/pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Film plastic (bread and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box-type liners, shrink wrap). Please bundle plastic together
- Usable clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.)
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Used cooking oil (in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw top lid)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (no tubes)
- Cell phones
- Household batteries (in clear plastic bags, tape terminals)

By Appointment Services

Appointments are available to drop off these reusable or recyclable items (limits apply). Call Recology at (650) 967-3034 to make an appointment.

- Appliances (no full size refrigerators or freezers)
- Large plastic toys
- Furniture (suitable for donation only)
- Clean wood and lumber (no painted or treated wood)
- Yard trimmings



SMaRT Station

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale
(408) 752-8530
www.SMaRT.inSunnyvale.com

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View’s garbage, yard trimmings and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies).

Operating Hours

Daily 7 days a week 8 am to 5 pm

Drop Off Services

See table on page 3 for items accepted at no charge

Buy Back Services

Redeem “California Redemption Value” bottles and cans for cash during buy-back hours.

Free Compost and Mulch

For pick up by residents (bring ID and containers, shovels provided). Limits apply, call or visit website for information and to check supply.

Fall 2013 Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar

September 21	California Coastal Cleanup Day (www.CleanACreek.org)
September 30–December 6	Weekly Yard Trimming Collection (see page 1)
October 26	Medication Drop Off Event (650) 903-6224
November 2	Confidential Paper Shredding Event, call (650) 903-6311 for more info
November 16	America Recycles Day (www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org)
Dec. 26–Jan. 10	Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular recycling day
Dec. 26–Jan. 24	Holiday Tree Collection on your regular recycling day

When is my Recycling Collected?

Split carts are collected every other week on the same day as garbage. Find your recycling week by calling Recology at **(650) 967-3034** or visit www.MVrecycle.org.